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Dear Small Arts & Culture Grants Program:

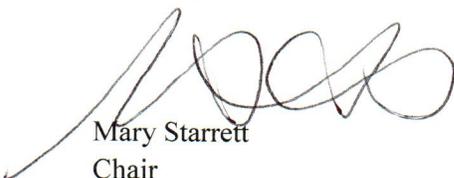
The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners continues to support the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition's (YCCC) grant application to the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) for the *Small Arts & Culture Grants Program* for the purpose of re-granting to arts, culture, and heritage groups within the county. YCCC, a non-profit organization, has been successful in re-granting and grantee management for over 12 years and has re-granted over \$127,000 in funds received from the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT). For the past two years, YCCC received and re-granted the full amount of OCF awards to YCCC grant applicants who implemented a unique variety of art, culture and heritage activities, and events offered to all members of our community.

During this past year, YCCC re-granted funds to all applicants with both OCF and OCT funds. Of the 14 applicants last year, six were new grantees with new projects. Six applicants received their full funding request with four of those being new grantees, and the remaining applicants received increased funding to implement their projects. The funded projects ranged from writing and musical to visual and experiential and provided something for every age group from children to adults.

The 2015 grants included the following: the Terroir Creative Writing Festival to fund student registration fees, Native American Spring Gathering featuring crafts, dancing, history and singing performed by the Canoe Family from Grand Ronde, the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Summer Concert series in McMinnville, a Dayton artscape project creating artwork for banners displayed downtown, an exhibit with recent works from contemporary Native American artists, the McMinnville Short Film festival, percussion instruments for music and drum circle therapy, digitizing community late 19<sup>th</sup> - early 20<sup>th</sup> century newspapers, the preservation and display of historic west valley newspapers, books for unique learning styles for special education students, free outdoor concerts, initiating oral history training and documenting individual and multi-generation Latino family stories, theatrical production involving local residents, and musical instruments purchased for intermediate and high school students.

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners appreciates YCCC's outreach in our community to new applicants with ideas that produce exciting, unique experiences and programs for county residents. We are confident that if you grant YCCC funds, they will responsibly re-grant the funds and increase the exposure to art, culture, and heritage for all citizens of Yamhill County. We fully support their application and request that you fully fund this grant application.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Starrett  
Chair

  
Stan Primozich  
Vice-Chair

  
Allen Springer  
Commissioner